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SUBJECT: DAILY REPORT

1. DAILY ACTIVITIES REPORTED RELEASE BY CULVER AND KENNEDY OF DIEGO GARCIA REPORT. INITIAL WIRE SERVICE STORIES WERE FACTUAL AND SUCCINCT. ALSO REPORTED CONFIRMATION HEARINGS FOR JOHN GUNTHER DEAN.

2. FOLLOWING ITEMS FYI:

A. YOUR APPEARANCE BEFORE EUROPEAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF SFRC CONFIRMED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. ACCORDING TO STAFFER RICH YOU SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN YOUR TESTIMONY MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF BASES INCLUDING QUESTIONS ON PAST AND PROJECTED UTILIZATION FOR MIDDLE EAST CONTINGENCIES, RELATIONSHIP TO NATO, AND VALUE IN RELATION TO AZORES FACILITY. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO GO INTO DETAIL ON TERMS NOW BEING DISCUSSED.

B. TWO ACTION MEMOS SENT TO SECRETARY. FIRST DEALT WITH CONGRESSIONAL APPEARANCES SECRETARY SHOULD MAKE BEFORE DECEMBER 1. THESE WERE HIRC AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND SPARKMAN BICENTENNIAL HEARING. IN ADDITION WE RECOMMENDED HE HAVE INFORMAL MEETING OR
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BREAKFAST WITH SID YATES' AND JEWISH CAUCUS. SECOND
MEMO RECOMMENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE ON SOVIET GRAIN SALES NEGOTIATIONS.

C. SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. OMB IS PREPARING A MEMO
CHALLENGING MUCH OF OUR PROPOSED FY 76 SECURITY ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM. OMB'S REPORTED RATIONALE IS THE PRESIDENT'S
NEED TO GAIN FIRM GRIP OVER BUDGETARY OUTLAYS. THIS
OMB PLOY COULD DELAY EVERYTHING UNTIL SECRETARY'S RETURN
FROM CHINA LATE NEXT WEEK. A MEMO FROM "T" HAS GONE TO
SISCO AND THE SECRETARY. KISSINGER

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